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From: Arlinda McKeen, SPPG
Re: Best Practices for Iowa's Homelessness System – Monthly Progress Report – April 2015
Date: April 30, 2015

The Iowa Council on Homelessness/Iowa Finance Authority entered into a contract with State Public Policy Group, Inc. (SPPG) to provide services to continuing to work with the State Planning Advisory Committee and conduct outreach related to finalization and preparation to implement the standards develop in FY 14. Key activities are to further clarifying and defining the homeless program standards, taking into consideration how each standard applies to various programs and delineating measures for each homeless program standard, considering measures appropriate to each program.

Monthly Report for the Period April 1 - 30, 2015

Activities Underway or Completed

- SPPG continues to meet as an internal team to move the project forward smoothly. We also check in and seek advice from IFA staff and the project co-chairs.
- The State Planning Advisory Committee met on April 7, 2015, at Upper Iowa University.
- The primary work of the Advisory Committee meeting was to finalize standards and review the draft of the handbook, particularly resources to be listed. The group also discussed plans for the outreach meetings in May and June to build interest and roll out the standards. Sessions will be scheduled around local housing council meetings and a session at the Peer-to-Peer Symposium in June.
- SPPG facilitated a client focus group at Central Iowa Shelter & Services on April 9 with 14 men and women in attendance.
- SPPG provided the April 7 meeting notes and May 5 meeting materials to the Committee on April 30, 2015.
- SPPG focused its work during April on writing the handbook and appendix as guided by the Advisory Committee. In its second major draft, the work now involves finalizing resources and ensuring the content is comprehensive.
- SPPG handled logistics for the May 5 meeting.
- SPPG has confirmed arrangements for a 90-minute breakout session at the Iowa Peer-to-Peer Symposium on June 3 from 2:15 – 3:45 pm. We are pleased at this opportunity to reach programs and providers outside the larger communities where additional outreach is scheduled.
- SPPG is working with committee members from around the state to confirm arrangements, time, and locations for outreach in Sioux City, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Waverly.

Emerging Issues or Concerns

- There are no issues at this time.

Anticipated Needs

- None at this time.

Time Frame

- All activities are proceeding on schedule.